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### **REMARKS**

This amendment is responsive to the official action dated December 1, 2003.

Claims 1-21 were pending in the application. Claims 1-21 were subject to restriction. No claims were allowed by the Examiner.

By way of this amendment, the Applicant has canceled Claims 12-21. Claims 1-11 remain unchanged.

Accordingly, Claims 1-11 are currently pending.

#### **I. RESTRICTION**

The Examiner has stated that the present application includes two distinct inventions. The first invention, identified as Group I, including the subject matter found in Claims 1-11, is directed toward a method of manufacturing a flashlight assembly. The Second invention, identified as Group II, including the subject matter found in Claims 12-21, is directed toward a housing assembly for a flashlight.

The Applicant by way of this amendment hereby elects without traverse the invention identified as Group I for prosecution on the merits in this application. Accordingly, the Applicant has canceled Claims 12-21 as being directed toward a non-elected invention. Withdrawal of this restriction requirement is therefore respectfully requested.

#### **II. CONCLUSION**

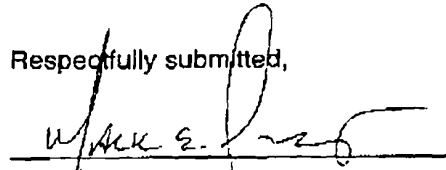
Accordingly, claims 1-11 are believed to be in condition for allowance and the application ready for issue.

Corresponding action is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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